## 35 year history

## 75%+ successful transition rate into operations

Submitted Proposals

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Submitted White Papers

White Paper Eval Phase

Technical Review

Proposal Eval Phase

Cost-Benefit Phase

Selection

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Down-selecting from ~200 proposals to ~30 selected projects every year

Both MERIT and CSI require that proposals have a strong tie to NRO Overhead Systems; the final deliverable must increase the access to, the content of, or the timeliness of NRO Overhead Systems data to the tactical warfighter.

## Rapidly delivering game-changing capabilities into warfighter hands

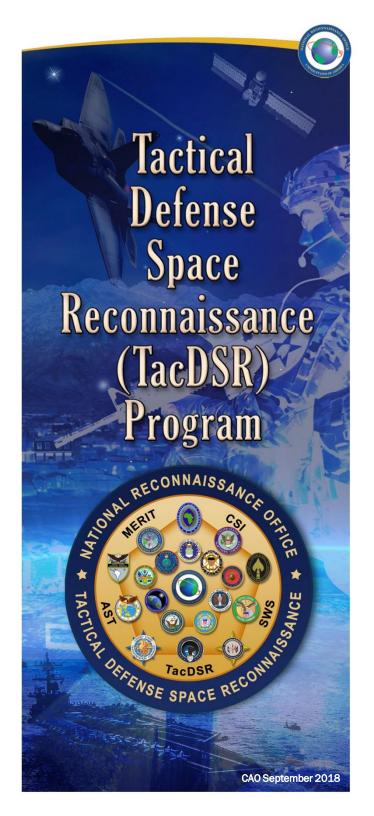
"Biggest bang for the buck in the NRO!"
-NRO Leadership

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TacDSR is a Congressionallymandated NRO Military
Intelligence Program to "develop,
mature, and integrate
technologies that facilitate the
dissemination of National
Systems Data to the warfighter in
the field."

A rigorous and fair annual process

MERIT (Military Exploitation of Reconnaissance and Intelligence Technology) is an open acquisition process. The MERIT Steering Committee (MSC) – comprised of representatives from service TENCAP, COCOMs, and Combat Support Agencies – evaluates and ranks the submitted proposals; each proposal must have a MSC member sponsor the proposal.

**CSI** (Combat Systems Integration) is a formal source selection process. TacDSR staff and invited advisors evaluate and rank the proposals.

TacDSR funds approximately 30 projects a year through its two acquisition solicitations, MERIT and CSI. The projects are carried out by industry, government agencies (including government laboratories), FFRDC, and academia. Each project may run from one to two years and may receive funding up to \$1,750,000.

